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IN RE APPLICATION OF :
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FOR: CHOPPED STRAND MAT BY A :
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RESTRICTION RESPONSE

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In response to the Restriction Requirement dated June 25, 2007, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I, Claims 1-18, for examination.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The claims have been divided into Groups as follows:

Group I: Claims 1-18, drawn to a process of making a glass strand mat.

Group II: Claims 19-25, drawn to a glass strand mat.

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Restriction is only proper if the claims of the restricted groups are independent or patentably distinct and there would be a serious burden placed on the Examiner if restriction is not required (MPEP §803). The burden is on the Examiner to provide reasons and/or examples to support any conclusion in regard to patentable distinction (MPEP §803).

Moreover, when citing lack of unity of invention in a national stage application, the Examiner